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EDITORIAL NEWS NOTES.

Dickinson county's new court house cost \$35,000.

Winter begins to manifest symptoms of spinal meningitis.

The blizzard industry should close now for season.

The name of the candidate for railroad commissioner is Legion.

The total interest debt of the United States March 1, was \$1,854,895,750.

A new reading by the Boston Transcript: "Every man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost."

Cumblers are selling in New Orleans for 7 cents apiece. But a small quantity of cumblers goes a great way.

True News would like to see Lieutenants Governor Platteau proposed to the board of railroad commissioners.

By a very natural coincidence the Baptists are very strong at Wetmore.

It seems that there is something in a name after all.

Fresh evidence of the proverbial sagacity of the opossum is furnished in the fact that large numbers of these animals are emigrating from Missouri to Kansas.

Nobody seems to be desirous of being elected mayor of Atchison. A Kansas town with a population of 16,000 without a single Ohio man is one of the anomalies of western politics.

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In the last house it was noticed that the democratic returned more strong and experienced men than the republicans, and the same is a measure true of the next. Among the new names but few are known to general fame. Frank Hodge, of Ohio, a former member of the house, who has served in previous congresses, reappears, and General Slocum, of New York, John Hancock, of Texas, and Ex-Senator Eaton; and on the republican side William Walter Phelps, who served one term some years ago and made an exceedingly promising record. The democratic side will gain by the accession of Parshley, of New York, who has experience in the legislature and is an able man. The republicans have a strong man in Mr. Lyman, of Massachusetts, a new member, and they gain also in the return of Lake Poland, from Louisiana, Ex-Senator Kellogg enters the house, and also Carlton Hunt, of New York, a lawyer and a brother of Ex-Secretary Hunt.

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The New York Sun, of a recent date, says that the Forty-ninth congress will be the last of the race and Sherman and Wilson are indicated to be in a close fight. The Sun says Edmunds is the only Republican who descends to us from the earlier period, but he is substantially unavailable as his nomination would add nothing to the strength of the party in the middle states, Vermont being sure for the Republicans. There remains a lot of men of the second order, such as Harrison, Hawley, Logan, Hawes, Don Cameron and Ingalls. He calls seems to possess talent, but the Sun fears he could not carry Indiana and be certain of Illinois. His slashing style of attack has made him famous, and we believe there are some recollections of the past which might be summed up in the words "he is a man of the past."

The great party, therefore, is reduced to the necessity of falling back upon some recent specimen of unusual mediocrity. On the other hand, the Democrats stand forth, comparatively well provided with experienced and competent men. First is Barvart, but the fact that Dickinson county is in the electoral college is against him. The three tidal wave governors—Butler, Cleveland and Pattison—have been supported by the people of New York, and the public opinion in the legislature and in an able man in Mr. Lyman, of Massachusetts, a new member, and they gain also in the return of Lake Poland, from Louisiana, Ex-Senator Kellogg enters the house, and also Carlton Hunt, of New York, a lawyer and a brother of Ex-Secretary Hunt.

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